

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, the state of Washington has experienced natural and man-made disasters in the past, and scientific evidence indicates Washington remains vulnerable to natural and man-made disasters in the future; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of our state need to prepare themselves to be self-sufficient for at least three days following an act of terrorism, natural or man-made disaster; and

WHEREAS, citizens, companies, and government agencies should review their individual preparedness plans, contact information, and emergency kits; and

WHEREAS, state agencies and state employees should be prepared so they can continue to provide essential public services after a disaster, and support the state's disaster response and recovery mission; and

WHEREAS, the loss of life and property from all hazards, including terrorism, can be greatly reduced if citizens have information provided over the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association (NOAA) Weather Radio, and understand the importance of using the NOAA Weather Radio as a personal all-hazards alert and warning system; and

WHEREAS, the importance of practicing preparedness will be highlighted during September as the Washington State Military Department, Emergency Management Division, conducts a statewide *Drop, Cover, and Hold Drill* on September 24, 2008, at 10:15 am;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Christine O. Gregoire, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim September 2008 as

***National Preparedness Month
and
NOAA Weather Radio Awareness Month***

in Washington State and I urge all citizens to join me in this special observance.

Signed this 23rd day of July, 2008

Chris Gregoire

Governor Christine O. Gregoire

